Courant.

Friday, January 1. 1703

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 4.

The last Advices from Lisbon run thus.

Lisbon, Dec. 5. HE 25th of last Month being St. Catherine's Day, whose Name the Queen Dowager of England bears, Her Majefty was Complimented on that occasion by the King, the Royal Family, and all the Persons of Chief Quality of both Sexes. 'Tis given out for certain that the King has nam'd the Count d'Argol, to go to the Court of Vienna in quality of his Ambassador Extraordinary, to conclude the Marriage of the Prince of Brasil with one of the Arch-Dutchesses of Austria. His Majesty continues to make great Warlike Preparations both by Sea and Land, the Troops are order'd towards the Frontiers of Spain, and there is a talk that some Acts of Hostility have pass'd already on the edge of Gallicia, between our Men and the Spaniards; the latter pretending to take Post on our Territories, but were vigorously repuls'd. From all which we gather that our King is Dispos'd to enter into the Grand Alliance with England and Holland.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Dec. 30. They write from Naples of the 5th, that there was a Report that the Duke d'Escalona would be recall'd from Naples, and the Duke d'Uzeda made Viceroy in his stead: That Don Emanuel Silva, his Secretary for writing or explaining Letters in Cypher, has withdrawn himself, and carry'd away with him feveral Papers of Importance, and 5000 Ducats in Money; as foon as he was miffing, some Horse were disparch'd into the Country to look for him,

but in vain.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 23.

Madrid, Nov. 30. Within a few days 3 Couriers are arriv'd, by whom we learn that the K. of Spain is landed at Antibes, and that he will continue his Journey by Land, upon which his Coaches and other Equipages are fent to Agreda, and to Barcelona, and his Majesty's return is expected with great impatience. The Count de Montezumo, late Viceroy of Mexico, is arriv'd here from Vigo, and we are inform'd that he had hardly any Lofs at all in the Misfortune of the Fleet, having had time to Land all his Effects before the Enemy arriv'd. We hear likewise that they have begun to carry to Segovia part of the Silver in Bars and Pieces of Eight, that came in the Galleons, to be coin'd there. We cannot yet procure any exact particulars relating to the Interest of the Merchants concern'd in that Fleet; because the Verification of the Registers, and the other usual Forms which take up a great deal of time, could not be gone thorough in the confusion and trouble occafion'd by the Enterprize of the Enemy: Only those that are supposed to Correspond with those Merchants thew fome uneafiness, and 'tis apprehended that the Indulto will be heavy, because according to our Laws of Commerce, it ought to be augmented in Proportion to the Loss.

From the Paris Gazette, a la main, dated Dec. 29. They write from Spain that they are at work in the Port of Vigo, to fish up the remains of the King's

Ships and of the Galleons: And that some of the Council of Madrid are drawing up a Process against the Amirante of Castile.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 23.

Paris, Dec. 23. The King of Spain arriv'd at Arles on the 3d instant, whence he sent back his ordinary Guard, and entrusted his Person to a Guard of Burghers, compos'd mostly of Gentlemen. On the 4th he went to Nismes, and on the 5th arriv'd at Montpellier; where he lay in the House of the Sieur Bon, in the same Lodgings that were made use of by the Queen of Spain in her Journey from Savoy. On the 7th he went to the Cathedral, and received the Communion from the Bishop of Montpellier. And on the 8th his Catholick Majesty continued his Journey.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 23. Letters from Strasburg of the 11th advile, That the Marshal de Villars, having receiv'd Orders to put his Troops into Winter Quarters, had begun to dispose of them accordingly. They will be quar-ter d in Alsatia, along the Sarre, and on the Frontiers as far as the Meule, and there will be 14 or 19

Batallions in Strasburg. From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 30. They write from Strasburg of the 18th, That the Marshal de Villars arriv'd there from Saverne on the 11th, and that after giving the necessary Orders, he went from thence on the 14th, his Army being separated and gone all into Winter Quarters

Letters from Metz of the 21st advise, That the Marshal de Villars arriv'd there on the 18th, and that on the 22d he left that Place, and march'd with a great Number of Troops, taking his way towards the Sarre, on what Design is yet unknown.

From the Paris Gazette, a la main, dated Jan. 1. 'Tis confirm'd from Merz that all the Cavalry and Dragoons that were canton'd in the Neighbourhood of that City, were march'd towards Triers; that 2 Barallions fince have taken the fame Route, and will be joyn'd on the way, by a Body of Infantry drawn out of the Garrisons of Luxemburg, Thionville, &c. There is a great number of Boats at Met? laden with Tents Bedding and other Necessaries for the Soldiers, and they are Baking a vaft quantity of Bisker, which is to be put on board those Boats; and the Garrison of Merz confisting of 10 Bartalions is order'd to hold themselves ready to march.

The Marshal de Villars arriv'd at Court on the 30th of last Month.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Dec. 26. Cologne, Dec. 22. The Generals Overkirk, Dopf, Goor, and others, have been frequently in Conference here with the Prince of Saxe Zeyrs; and there being a Detachment of several Thousand Men order'd to be drawn out of the Dutch Garrison in Aix la Chappelle and the Forces quarter'd in the Countries of Juliers, Bergues and Cologne; 'tis reported they are to march towards the Moselle, to joyn the Imperial Palatine and Hessian Troops, and endea-your to dislodge the French out of Traerbach and Triers, and drive them further from the Moselle. It was refolv'd by the Generals Fagel, Lottum, and others that met lately at Kempen, to block up Gelder as close as Rhinberg is. From

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Dec. 30. Cologne, Nov. 27. The continual Rains have hindred the Troops that were order'd towards the Moselle from beginning their march; Likewise the 4 Prussian Regiments that were commanded out of the Country of Cleves on the same Expedition, are not broken up yet, and their Officers have represented that their Men have been so much fatigu'd already by Marches and Counter-marches, that they are very unsit to undertake such a Winter-March. Yesterday the Generals Overkirk, Goor, and Dops, went from hence to Coblents to confer with the Elector of Trier and Landgrave of Hesse Cassel.

The last Advices in the Courants of Jan. 6. say, that the Hessians and Imperialists about Traerbach are preparing for Action, but expect to be joyn'd first by the Troops above-mention'd. Which by reason of bad Ways and Weather have not yet put themselves on their March. But General Fagel is march'd with 2000 Men to block up Gelder, and, if the Weather than the Meather than the Meather than the Weather than the Meather than the

ther permit, to draw a Line about it.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated Dec. 18. Paris, Dec. 18. The Duke de Villeroy is arriv'd here from Italy, to serve in Flanders under the Mar-The Marquels de Tesse, Son of thal his Father. the Count de Tesse (who continues in Italy, the report of his being come to Court proving false) is arriv'd likewife, the Air of Italy not agreeing with his Constitution, and will go to Bonn to put himself at the Head of his Regiment which is in Garrison there: The Duke de Lesdaguieres, and the Marquels de Chemereau are also come from Italy. Within a few days Commissions have been given out for 11 Regiments of Foot; so now there is an Addition of 107 New Regiments to last Year's Establishment. Commissions for 3 Regiments of Dragoons were given out some time ago, and now lately for 3 more, which make 6 New Regiments of Dragoons. The The King has made 36 Captains of Ships, 14 of which were chosen from among the Captains of Frigates, and 22 from among those Lieutenants who have been longest in the Service, 80 Lieutenanns, 130 Enfigns, and 200 Guards Marine; a Guard Marine is under an Ensign and has 40 Livres a Month. When his Majesty had finish'd this Promotion he declar'd that he would make no more, but that for the Future, when any Post becomes void, the next Officer in Place shall succeed. Thus the King has fix'd the Number of Sea Officers at 1000, without reckoning the Commanders in Chief, viz. 150 Captains, 100 Captains of Frigates and Fireships, 250 Lieutenants, and 500 Enfigns.

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